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Rep. Pastor's military academy nomination deadline set for Oct. 17

PHOENIX, Ariz. - High school students living in the Fourth Congressional District who would like to be

nominated to a military academy by U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, D-Ariz., should submit their requests for nominations by Oct. 17.

Pastor is accepting requests for nominations to the U.S. Air Force, Military, Naval and Merchant Marine

academies for the class of 2013, which begin classes in the summer of 2009.

"Students should take a serious look at the pursuit of an education through a federal service or military

academy because they provide excellent higher educational and career opportunities," Pastor said.

Applicants need to meet these basic requirements:

- Must be at least 17 years of age and under the age of 23.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- Should be able to show good character, scholarship and leadership skills, physical aptitude and medical fitness.

To attend one of the service academies, students must be nominated by their U.S. Representative or

Senator. Each year, Pastor nominates numerous students who live in his congressional district. Pastor currently

represents the Fourth Congressional District, which consists of Phoenix from roughly 44th Street to 83rd

Avenue and South Mountain to Bethany Home Road. This district also includes the town of Guadalupe and south Glendale.

Individuals who reside in the Fourth Congressional District and are interested in a nomination for the

class of 2013 (which begins the summer of 2009), should contact Congressman Pastor's Office as soon as

possible to obtain an application packet. To determine which Congressional District you live in, please visit

www.house.gov/writerep or contact Gretchen Alvarenga in Congressman Pastor's Office at 602-256-0551, or

gretchen.alvarenga@mail.house.gov .

Potential nominees need to request a nomination from Rep. Pastor's office by Oct. 17. Following that,

the deadline for submission of application material is Oct. 31 and interviews of potential nominees will be held

in November. Applications should be sent to academies on Jan. 15, 2009, and academies should complete

making their offers of appointments to most candidates by April 2009.

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